In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 1, 3 and 15, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

1. (Amended) An apparatus for actuating a control element for a heating or air-conditioning system in a motor vehicle, comprising:

an actuating drive;

an electrical circuit operatively connected to the actuating drive wherein the electrical circuit comprises programmable memory suitable for overwritably storing a subscriber number;

a control section for inputting control commands to the electrical circuit; and

at least one electrical cable connecting together the actuating drive, the circuit and the control section, wherein the circuit is arranged remote from the actuating drive and from the control section.

3. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cable comprises a databus.

15. (Amended) A method for installing an apparatus for actuating a control element for a heating or air-conditioning system in a motor vehicle, comprising:

installing an actuating drive for a control element;

installing a control section for inputting control commands to the control element;

installing an electrical circuit operatively connected to the actuating drive but at a position remote from both the actuating drive and the control section, the electrical circuit comprises programmable memory

suitable for overwritably storing a subscriber number associated with the control element;

connecting together the actuating drive, the circuit and the control section with at least one electrical cable comprising a databus; and

storing in the memory a first subscriber number not later than in conjunction with the installation.

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Please add the following claims:

-- 21. (New) An apparatus for actuating a control element for a heating or air-conditioning system in a motor vehicle, comprising:

an actuating drive;

an electrical circuit operatively connected to the actuating drive wherein the electrical circuit includes a programmable memory which comprises an EEPROM;

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a control section for inputting control commands to the electrical circuit;

at least one electrical cable connecting together the actuating drive, the circuit and the control section, wherein the circuit is arranged remote from the actuating drive and from the control section; and

two mutually associated connector parts for connecting the circuit to the cable wherein each connector part comprises at least 2 planes, each plane comprising at least 3 connector contacts that are selectively connectable to a conductor in the cable.

22. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, further comprising a flap in a heating or air-conditioning system wherein the flap is operatively linked to the actuating drive and wherein the flap comprises a mixing-air flap or a defroster flap.

23. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein the actuating drive comprises a stepping motor.

24. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein said at least one electrical cable comprises a positive supply voltage conductor, a negative supply voltage conductor and a data line.

25. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein the memory comprises an EEPROM.